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### All Wheat Production Up from 2009

All wheat production in Idaho is up 9 percent from 2009 to 108 million bushels, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. The winter wheat yield, at 82.0 bushels per acre, is up 1.0 bushel from last year. Winter wheat production totals 58.2 million bushels from 710,000 harvested acres, up 3 percent from last year's 56.7 million bushels. The 2010 winter wheat production is estimated to be 76 percent white and 24 percent hard red. Spring wheat yield, at 79.0 bushels per acre, is up 2.0 bushels from a year ago. Idaho's spring wheat production totals 48.6 million bushels from 615,000 harvested acres, up 19 percent from 2009's 40.8 million bushels. The spring wheat crop is estimated to be 50 percent white and 50 percent hard red. Yield for durum wheat is estimated to be 65.0 bushels per acre, down 16.0 bushels from last year. Durum wheat production in Idaho totals 1.30 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres, down 320 thousand bushels from last year. Barley yield is estimated at 93.0 bushels per acre, down 2.0 bushels from last year. Barley production totals 43.7 million bushels from 470,000 harvested acres, 10 percent less than last year's production of 48.5 million bushels. Idaho's oat production totals 1.60 million bushels from 20,000 harvested acres. Production is down 18 percent from last year.

Nationally, all wheat production totalled 2.22 billion bushels in 2010, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from 2009. Grain area is 47.7 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is a record high 46.7 bushels per acre, 2.3 bushels higher than last year and 1.8 bushels higher than the previous record set in 2008. The levels of production and changes from last year by type are: winter wheat, 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent; other spring wheat, 627 million bushels, up 7 percent; Durum wheat, 111 million bushels, up 2 percent. Barley production is estimated at 182 million bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast and 20 percent below 2009. Average yield per acre, at 73.6 bushels, is up 1.3 bushels from August and 0.6 bushel from last year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 2.87 million acres in 2010, down 19 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.47 million acres, is down 3 percent from the August forecast and down 21 percent from 2009, and the lowest level since 1882. Oat production is estimated at a record low 81.9 million bushels, 6 percent below the August forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at a record high 64.6 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from the last forecast and down 2.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields decreased or stayed the same for most States, with the exception of Michigan, Texas, and several states in the Northwest. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres, is 4 percent below August and 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

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